

UP-RIMSA CONDUCTS WORKFORCE SURVEY

The Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance (UP-Rimsa) has adopted a mission statement and completed an initial skills and workforce gap survey in the central UP. Currently the survey is being analyzed and action steps will be taken in alignment with the mission statement in the future.

The mission statement is "To develop a highly qualified labor pool to meet the current and future needs of UP's industrial manufacturers and develop industry-specific solutions through partnerships with education, legislators, other industries and current and future members of the workforce."

The survey consisted of 11 questions and had a 50% response rate after telephone follow-ups were made subsequent to the mailing. The highest number of production job openings in the next 3-5 years comes in at 176 openings for CNC Operators.

Basic employability skills came in as the types of skills most critical for entry-level production and maintenance jobs and also topped the list as types of skills entry-level workers are most lacking.

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